

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I wonder if Senator Nichol or Senator DeCamp would respond to a question, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Nichol, would you care to? Senator DeCamp, would you care to respond to a question by Senator Vickers?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator DeCamp, the language that you are striking with your amendment, is that the language that is in the current bill that says that no more than 45 percent shall come from property taxes?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir. The amendment strikes that and has these additional clarifications, why we are doing it...

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator DeCamp. You can explain it on your time. I rise to oppose the Nichol-DeCamp amendment because, as I read this language, not only is it a percentage change which is an option, there is no question about it, it doesn't make that much difference probably whether it's 40 or 45 percent, except that 45 percent would put the state and the property taxpayer about equal as far as the support of education is concerned, about 45 percent from each, about 10 percent from the federal, which is what it is right now. But more importantly the language in the bill, as adopted yesterday, says that no more than 45 percent shall come from the property taxes. It is not intent language as I read this. It is a lot stronger than I think this is. This, as I read it, is more the type of language that we might put in intent language in a bill or a resolution, and, therefore, I do not think it is anywhere near as binding on future Legislatures. So I would urge you to oppose the DeCamp-Nichol amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator DeCamp, on the bill, on the amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, if that is Senator Vickers' objection then I would submit this language is more binding, absolutely clearly more binding. Now read it. It is the exact words of yesterday, of Vard Johnson's amendment in the second paragraph. In other words, not more than blank percent shall come from property taxes by such and such a date. Exact words, the same. However, since those words